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### Home Mission Rooms.

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### Special Announcement.

With this number the second year of the publication of the HOME MISSION HERALD will come to a close. Many a faithful heart has cheered, many a sluggish soul has it awakened. God be praised for the good it has accomplished.

But the HERALD has been published not without a drain on the treasury of the Society. In the year 1873 it cost about \$2,350 over and above its receipts from subscriptions and advertising. It is too early to strike the balance for the present year, but the deficit for 1874 will be fully \$3,500. And after the first of January newspaper publishers will have to prepay postage on all papers sent out; so that the continuance of the HERALD for 1875 must cost the treasury at least \$4,400. Add to this such facts as that the publication calls for increased clerk-hire, and causes other expenses difficult to state in definite figures, and that in many cases what a church pays for its package of papers is taken out of its contribution to the Society, and it will be seen that what the paper has drawn from the treasury is a by no means small amount.

Under these circumstances the question came before the Board as to whether the good accomplished by the HERALD could not be done in some less expensive way.

It was urged that we had a weekly denominational press second to that of no other body of Christians—that these Baptist papers sent out each month over half a million of papers, and reached a number of readers vastly greater than the HERALD has ever been able to reach—that the people being interested in home mission matters these papers would willingly and gladly publish full information regarding our work—

that in remote and destitute regions, where these papers were not taken, the Society could circulate them gratuitously by the hundred, every week, at a cost far less than that involved in the publication of the HERALD—that when these papers combined to "herald" our work, the Society would be more closely allied to that great power, our denominational press, and the people East and West, North and South, be drawn into more intimate acquaintance with each other and with our Society work—in short, that the objects aimed at in the publication of the HERALD could be accomplished at much less expense and with much greater thoroughness through our denominational weeklies than through a "Society Organ."

After careful consideration, therefore, the Board resolved to discontinue the publication of this paper with the close of this present year. This number of the HERALD will, therefore, be the last. But we do not intend to bid adieu to our readers—we shall merely address them through another—may we hope a better channel.

### TO SUBSCRIBERS.

All Subscribers for the Home Mission Herald, who, on the discontinuance of the paper, have not received all of the numbers for which they have paid, will, on their application in writing to these Rooms, 150 Nassau Street, New York, have the balance in money mailed them to their respective Post Office Addresses.

### What the Home Mission Society is Doing.

THE Executive Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, at their last meeting appointed forty-five additional missionaries to labor in the following States and Territories: Oregon, 1; Washington Territory, 1; Indian Territory, 2; Germany in Illinois, 3; Missouri, 5; Florida, 1; California, 1; Kansas, 10; Nebraska, 7; Minnesota, 10; Wisconsin, 1; Colorado Territory, 1; Germans in New Haven, Connecticut, 1; French in Lowell, Massachusetts, 1.

A number of others were declined or deferred, owing to the want of funds. The appeals which come to us from all portions of the country, are numerous and urgent. Churches which heretofore have required no aid, are, through the general failure of crops last summer, so impoverished that help must be extended, or their organization become extinct. A church in one

of the cities of Kansas, appealing for aid, uses the following language:

"Our membership is 72. Of this number, one-half will be compelled to go away temporarily on account of failures of crops, and no labor to be had in the city to support their families, which is the reason we ask aid. Six years ago there were no Baptists here. Our pastor and his wife came, and he has given much time and his full share of money to erect the house of worship and gather the Sabbath school, which averages 80 each Sabbath. He also gathered the entire church membership, having baptized many of them, either here or in Indiana. We are at present unable to pay more than one-half his salary. If he is compelled to leave us, it will be impossible to get another, and the church will be scattered and weakened by removal. With no labor to increase it, as a consequence, the labor of five years will be almost lost."

This is a fair specimen of many cases which the Board would be glad to assist if they had funds to do so. Missionaries should be appointed to Dakota, Montana, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, but the Society has no money in the treasury to pay their salaries should they be appointed. We feel that this condition of things ought not so to continue, that something should be done to relieve this spiritual destitution. But the Board is powerless to move in the matter, unless the pastors and churches who are more highly favored give us the means necessary to carry on the work. The Society belongs to the denomination, and to it the Board looks hopefully for the sinews of war.

Brethren and Friends, now is the time to help the Home Mission Society. All departments of the work at the Rooms are now carried on as cheaply as they possibly can be; \$3,180 less than for several years past. While the Acting Corresponding Secretary is serving the Society without any pecuniary compensation, is it too much to ask that Pastors, Churches, and individuals make a special effort between now and April 1st 1875, to place the treasury in such a condition as will enable the Board to do more largely in conquering North America for Christ.

### Form of a Bequest to the Society.

"I give and bequeath to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, formed in New York in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-two, the sum of ——— dollars for the general purposes of said Society."

### Minnesota as a Mission Field.

"DEAR BRO.—Having seen the conventions through, I now set myself to fulfil the task which I prescribed for myself several weeks ago, and to which I made allusion in my last brief note to the *Bozma*, viz., to make a full exhibit of the state of the work and the field in Minnesota. I feel that this is important, to the end that right measures may be devised, and adequate forces may be employed.

#### "1st.—THE FIELD.

"The State of Minnesota comprises 83,530 square miles. About 60,000 square miles are populated by white settlers, of various nationalities; the remainder, lying north of the Northern Pacific R. R., is unpeopled, except by a few bands of Chippewas. We have one hundred and eighty-two churches (approximately), divided into seven associations, viz., the Minnesota, the Southern, the Central, the Zambro, the Valley, the Northern, and the Crow River, and twenty-three unassociated. The first-named four occupy a small area in the south-east corner of the State. It is the most thickly-settled, and oldest portion, and contains all the cities and principal towns, and our churches in this section are rapidly outgrowing their minority. These four associations could probably provide for their own borders. Outside of this section are three other associations, occupying an immense tract, opened to settlement by the almost simultaneous construction of six lines of Land Grant Railroad. This region contains about 50,000 square miles, and is so situated as to impose long and arduous journeys, being the whole length and breadth of the State. This section, at the last census, contained 130,000 inhabitants, but the effect of opening these railroads, up to the time of the financial panic, was to much more than double the population. Counties which were unorganized in 1870, polled 500 and 600 votes in 1872. I estimate the population now at from 300,000 to 350,000. This vast region is now, and must remain for several years entirely missionary ground. It is needless to do more than refer to the history of the older counties embraced in the four principal associations, to bring to mind the causes which will keep this region in a dependent condition. Reasoning from the progress of the past, we cannot expect this border land to reach the ability of self-sustenance much sooner than did that region extending from Mississippi from the Iowa line to Minneapolis, and the wilderness to bud and blossom as the south. The progress has been slow, and is still a slow process.

#### "2d.—LIMITED RESOURCES AND DESTITUTION.

"There are in the entire State fifty-four churches, which may be rated as self-supporting; i. e., they are supplied with the gospel without foreign aid. Of these, twelve support pastors of their own. A part of the remainder divide the services of a pastor among two, three, or even four churches, the rest contribute something towards a support, which is eked out by manual labor on the farm, or in the shop. Seventy-three churches are entirely destitute, excepting the occasional visit of a missionary or traveling preacher.

"This number does not include the associated churches, nor a goodly number which are looked after by lay preachers. The churches which possess ability for aggressive outside work, are very few. Of the self-supporting ones, Anoka, Faribault, Marshall Street, Minneapolis, St. Anthony, Hastings, Red Wing, and Owatonna, have but recently put off their swaddling clothes. Rochester is oppressed with debt. St. Paul has undertaken a hundred thousand dollar church, which will tax the utmost ability of the congregation. Minneapolis first church leads in a system of mission work for the city and suburbs, which costs more than \$4,000, besides ministerial support. The other churches are those which give with the hope of receiving much more than they give, and those entirely destitute, which being relieved of the ordinary expenses of church life, make a special effort to meet their apportionment.

From this constituency the Convention at

tempted last year to raise \$5,000, and how signally it failed you know too well. The effort this year only attempts \$4,000, out of which the deficit of last year is to be met. This amount is found to be embarrassingly large by the committee, who were charged with the duty of apportioning it among the churches. It must be borne in mind also, that in addition to the usual disabilities of a frontier life in all this missionary field, a large portion of it has been devastated by the grasshopper scourge for two years past. In the Northern Pacific country one full crop last year and a partial one this year, are all the settlers have ever realized. Destitution and suffering are imminent to thousands, while those who are above actual want have little ability to aid their less fortunate neighbors. The scarcity of laborers is a want also severely felt. Whole sections, as large as some of the Atlantic States, are without one missionary or pastor. The Crow River association, embracing a territory as large as Massachusetts, with sixteen churches, is a case in point. Out of one hundred and eighteen ordained ministers reported in our minutes, not more than sixty are actually engaged in preaching, and many of these prosecute some secular calling during the week. Much of what I have said in reference to resources shows as well the appalling and widespread destitution of our State. Where were a year ago fifty meeting-houses to one hundred and eighty churches, the last year might have added from five to eight to their number. Reference to the books of the Church Edifice Fund, will show that many of these churches are in debt for their meeting-houses. The Northern Association, as large as Massachusetts and Connecticut, with numerous young towns which should be occupied, has twelve active ministers, including myself. The Valley Association is scarcely better off, while in respect to meeting-houses it is not so well off. The Crow River Association is without a pastor, and the American church without meeting-houses. This is our field, and its condition. In it we are occupants with other evangelical denominations. Let us see what they are doing.

#### "3d.—COMPARISON OR CONTRAST.

"The Methodist Episcopal Conference of Minnesota is divided into seven districts for the American work, and two for the foreign, corresponding very nearly to our divisions into associations, having a presiding elder for each district, who does the work of a general missionary.

"They have one hundred and forty preaching stations, with several under the care of one preacher in many instances. They have appropriated from the General Missionary fund, this year, for the support of these preachers, \$15,500. For presiding elders and bishop's allowance, \$9,063. Total, \$24,563.

Their churches, classes, and Sunday schools, contributed to this sum a little over \$4,000, or about one-sixth of what is expended for missionary work in the State. For the year ending September 1872, they expended \$3,000 on the Northern Pacific line alone.

"Presbyterians.—The minutes of the synod of Minnesota, for 1870, show seven Presbyteries, one hundred and six churches, seventy-six ministers, \$1,400 contributed, and \$15,000 expended in missionary labor. They have been constantly enlarging their operations since, and their present expenditure must be largely in excess of this sum.

"Episcopalians.—Their conference minutes for 1874, shows three missionary districts, each under the charge of a dean, the whole being under the jurisdiction of the bishop; forty-seven parishes, and \$4,856.50 raised by apportionment; aid received, \$8,475. Total expended on mission work, \$13,131.50. This does not include the Northern Pacific Mission, which is independent of this diocese.

"Congregationalists.—In giving the data of their operations, I thought you might be interested in what Dr. Storrs has to say:—Rev. Dr. H. M. Storrs, of New York city, secretary of the Am. Home Mission Society, gave a stirring address on home missions. In allusion to a

proposition to make the minimum salary of a home missionary \$800, he replied, that the New York Society could do this only by diminishing the number of their missionaries; but that it was in the power of the Minnesota churches to make the minimum salary \$800, or even \$1,000. He urged the churches to make more active efforts to reach the foreign elements of our population, and advised the missionaries to learn the languages of this element. When asked if the society would support the missionaries while doing this, he replied that it would. He also spoke of the importance of individual and personal effort in bringing man to Christ. From this comparison it appears, 1st, that we are doing less in this field than any other evangelical denomination. 2d, That our churches in their poverty, have raised and are raising, a very much larger proportion of what is expended, than is raised in any other constituency. It will appear most obvious, therefore, if we mean to uphold and improve this field, that a very much larger outlay will have to be made by the parent society, not to relieve their churches of the share of the burden, but that the work may be more efficiently done. To hold and improve even what we have, this is indispensable. The purity of our doctrines and excellence of our polity, will not secure their propagation. Rely as we may upon the Divine Blessing, and it is never withheld, still it is undeniably a Divine decree.

"That he that soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly." The inquiry is timely, whether we have not as large a concern in the field as any denomination? And if so, whether a wise economy would not be answered in working the field vigorously and thoroughly before leaving it for unoccupied fields. I know the regions beyond are crying for help; that our common field is too mighty for the liberality, if not for the ability of the churches, and yet I feel that it is better to work the roughly than widely. The young of all animals need nursing, and less is the inevitable result of neglect. I think that the law holds good spiritually, and that inevitable waste is the result of the spreading policy. A wise general will advance his army no further into an enemy's country than he is able to garrison and protect his rear. More than a hundred destitute churches and fields in Minnesota illustrate this law. Nor should we be anxious to do work to show on paper, but in this new land, the foundations should be laid deep and firm, and a work done which shall endure throughout all generations. But, my dear brother, I must beg your pardon for this freedom of utterance. It is not my business to instruct, but simply to give the necessary facts on which you may base your own conclusions. In this essay I have felt constrained to be brief, and hence endeavored to understate rather than exaggerate the truth. It is not strange, that a tourist passing through the towns and cities of such marvellous growth, in the older portions of the State; and in sailing on the boats, laden with the products of this region, should get an exaggerated idea of the wealth and prosperity of the State. But let him do the work of a pioneer missionary, travel through the wilderness, sleep in log-houses and log-cabins, subsist on the hearty, though poor and coarse hospitality of the settlers, where they feel that a single prayer is worth a month's board; let him carry this work on his soul day and night, from month to month, and I am persuaded he will not be offended at the cry for more help.

"The Northern Pacific Field, extending four hundred and fifty miles from Lake Superior to the Missouri River, and properly including the Pembina Branch, from Glendon to Manitoba, never needed labor more than now. A glance at the map will show you also that the south shore of Lake Superior is more easily approached from the direction of Duluth than from the lower part of Wisconsin.

"JOHN E. WOOD, General Mss'y.

#### "DULUTH, MINN."

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."



### Preaching under Difficulties.

"DEAR BRO.: Another quarter has passed away, during which time I have had an experience such as I never had before, not even during the time of the persecutions in Germany. I commenced, in connection with some other German ministers, open air meetings on Sunday afternoon; but, oh, what enmity did our Germans show. They gathered together by hundreds, formed a mob, and wanted to kill every one of us, burn our dwellings and meeting-houses. But we appealed to our city authorities for help, since which time it is a little more quiet, because two of the ringleaders got punished for striking me and disturbing the meeting. We hope and trust that the word preached will bring its fruits, according to the promise of the Lord.

"W. FASCHING, *Miss'y.*

"DAVENPORT, IOWA."

### Determined to Trust God and the Brethren.

"DEAR BRO.: On my way to our Association I preached, going and coming, to a strange people. One brother said if I would settle in their vicinity he would give me a *cow*, and another, a *horse*. Very many are leaving on account of the grasshoppers. Our crops are lost, and what we are to do I cannot tell. The chinch bug destroyed my wheat, and now my corn is gone. I am not able to leave if I were disposed to do so; 'hither, by thy help I've come,' and here I will raise my Ebenezer, and trust in God and my brethren for support.

"H. G. ESTEL, *Miss'y.*

"WICHITA, KANSAS."

### Cheering News.

REV. C. L. FISHER, our missionary in Virginia City, Nevada, writes as follows:

"As a church of Jesus Christ in this wicked city, we are much encouraged. Three times have we had the opportunity of visiting the baptismal waters. Twice since we have commenced meeting in our new church edifice has the baptism been opened before a house full of attentive listeners to the preached Gospel, and of beholding the willing subject of God's grace go down into the liquid grave. All praise to the name of Jesus."

### CALIFORNIA.

THE HOME MISSION SOCIETY in New York has reappointed Rev. J. B. Peat as its missionary at Red Bluff in this State. We trust their appropriation will be sufficient to retain him at that important point.

Dr. Taylor thinks that the Society will be able to help California more in the future than in the past. Men at the East are beginning to understand that if they ever reap bountifully for Christ's Kingdom in California, they must sow the seed with a more liberal hand, and wait for the fruit, instead of trying to gather in half of the crop at the very time they are seeding the ground. That in form and fact, has been the

nature of Home Mission work hitherto. But it does not work to anyone's advantage. Henceforth we anticipate more judicious and effective mission work in and for the Pacific Coast.—*Pacific Baptist.*

### Signs of an Abundance of Rain.

"DEAR BRO.:—In making this my first quarterly report to the Board, I feel very much encouraged, believing that the seed sown will ere long bring forth an abundant harvest. The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon my hearers, and there are signs of an abundance of rain. I am trying to teach the churches that none are spiritual but those that contribute to the support of the Gospel, and that he that giveth liberally and with a willing heart, shall be abundantly blessed both in his basket and in his store. I am very thankful that the Lord, through the Board, has continued me in the field another year.

"JAMES H. FIELD, *Miss'y.*

"BATESVILLE, GEORGIA."

### A Grateful Church.

THE following Preamble and Resolution were recently adopted by the First Baptist Church of Lincoln, Nebraska:—

Whereas, this church, now having a good house of worship, well located, unincumbered with debt, a membership of 119 souls and an excellent congregation and Sabbath-school; and,

Whereas, the American Baptist Home Mission Society has nourished it from its infancy until it is now able to support itself and help others also, therefore,

Resolved, that we hereby express our gratitude to that Society for what it has done for us, under God, both in its missionary and edifice department; that we will not ask further aid from it, but will endeavor to contribute regularly to its treasury and pray often for its prosperity.

(Signed.) O. T. CONGER, *Pastor.*  
A. C. ZIEMER, *Ch. Clerk.*

### The Mission Work among the Freedmen.

ABOUT two years ago I was stopping at the house of a Baptist brother in Lunenburg, Va. The conversation turned on ignorance of colored preachers, when his sister, who was present, remarked that there was living in her neighborhood one who could not read, but was extremely anxious to learn.

She said he was "a good man, beloved by white and black."

"Why does he not go to school?" I asked.

"He has a wife and six children, and has to labor hard for their support."

"Well," I said, "tell him to come to my house at any time when his business will permit of his leaving home, and I will instruct him free of expense." Not long afterward he came, bringing with him a brother-in-law equally anxious to learn.

"Pears like I want to learn everything in a day," said John. "I want to prepare myself so that I can teach my people." He studied incessantly, and made rapid progress. We all learned

to love him very much. But his wish for an education, such as he craved, was not to be gratified. He sickened, and after a long illness passed away; and his wife soon followed him to the better world. Brother Hal was obliged to be with him; and has not been able to return to his studies since; but expects now, to come back next Christmas.

Soon as he had settled up John's affairs, and seen all of his children provided with homes, he began to make special efforts for the colored people in his neighborhood. Very few were Christians; but he succeeded in gathering a church of twenty members, and they were organized early last August. By their request, I have preached for them once a month since. In August I baptized 6, in September 9, in October 22, and the first day of November 13 more. Coming up from the water, Brother Hal said to me, "My coming to your school stirred everything up here. It let in the light, and now all the people want to learn. And all that are not Christians, want to be Christians." He expects to bring others with him when he comes next winter.

So the invitation sent to Brother John, has brought forth fruit in the improvement and conversion of Brother Hal. Crimes, of whom I might never have heard except for that circumstance, for he lives far back from any village, or public thoroughfare.

D. F. L.

YATESVILLE, VA.

NOTE.—The above is from Rev. D. F. Lewis, one of the faithful and self-sacrificing missionaries of this Society, who is laboring among the colored people in Lunenburg and Mecklenburg counties, Virginia.

### Encouraging.

"DEAR BRO.:—We dedicated our house September 27th, and cleared off all indebtedness, raising that day \$600. We have a neat and commodious house, well furnished, and our congregations are growing. Our prayer meetings are exceedingly interesting, and we see the signs of a work of grace with us. We have as many as 30 or 40 out to prayer meetings, and the actual membership—not the nominal—is only about 20. Our church numbers 45 of whom 15 are not living in town. The churches of this place are all small. We exert as good an influence, I think, now, as any.

"E. A. TAYLOR, *Missionary.*

"COLORADO SPRINGS, COL."

### Sixty-seven Baptized.

"DEAR BRO.:—Two sabbaths ago, I had the pleasure of leading sixty-seven down into the water, and, in company with another minister, burying them with Christ by baptism.

"This was at a country church where I preached once per month, or at least I have been for the past portion of 1874.

"J. B. RICHARDSON, *Miss'y.*

"HIGH POINT, N. C."

"THE liberal deviseeth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand."

### Don't Fall to Read This.

From a recent letter received from a brother in Santa Fe, New Mexico, we quote the following:

"Wandering through this benighted country, I have wondered that while the Baptist denomination is expending so much talent and money away in another hemisphere, this fair portion of our own America is neglected. This old town is the capital of a territory already knocking for admission into the Union. Here are no free schools and no live Protestant churches. The Episcopal service is, indeed, read on Sundays, but not by one of the 'succession.' There is an adobe church building, (Presbyterian,) but no man of God to speak to the people. Most of the American population seem to be entirely apathetic on the subject of religion. Government officials seem to have left all, or nearly all of their respect for religious matters 'in the States,' to be resumed, perhaps, at the close of their probation here. The common soldier seems to have no ambition above *whiskey*. There are, of course, a few honorable exceptions; very few however. As for the Mexicans, who comprise *nineteen-twentieths* of the population, they are well supplied with their Catholic churches; as every little village and hamlet, whether Mexican or Pueblo, the inevitable church, always by far the most commodious building, is always to be found. Since this has become a territory of the United States, the priests have had some difficulty in keeping up the zeal of the Indians, for which reason many of the churches in Pueblo are unused. At Las Vegas, seventy miles east of Santa Fe, there is a Presbyterian church, and Miss Allen, the preacher's daughter, teaches a few scholars when they choose to attend. From this sketch you can perhaps get a faint idea of what is needed in New Mexico. I shall always be glad to answer any question that may be asked me, and would be thankful could I thus use the semblance of a talent *God* has given me in promoting the cause of Christ."

### What Has God Wrought?

"DEAR BRO.:—Had a precious time at Carson City on the first Sabbath of this month, at the organization of the First Baptist Church there. Sixteen came into the organization. After the organization the Church celebrated the Lord's Supper. Present: Rev. C. A. Bate-man, Rev. H. Richardson, with myself.

"We expect soon to organize a church at Reno: there are many Baptists there who are anxiously waiting for the time to come, and some waiting baptism. 'WHAT HAS GOD WROUGHT?' Three Baptist Churches brought into existence, in this long neglected State of Nevada, in the course of one year. 'What shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits?'"

C. L. F.  
"VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA."

"HONOR the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

### Living on the Price of his Pet Horse

"DEAR BRO.: This report closes my ninth and last year in your service. Am not able to work, therefore cannot ask a renewal of appointment. I am amazed at the fact that I have lived to see the close of this year's service. Since I wrote last, many strong dear friends have died. Oh, why is it I am yet here in the shade, only able to look on at the great work as it moves forward. I have been able to do nothing worth naming in this quarter. Sold my old pet horse, who carried me over hills and rivers. Am living on the price got.

"J. P. COFFMAN, *Miss'y.*

"AMSTERDAM, VA."

### An Afflicted Church.

ONE of our missionaries, in a recent letter, says:

"The greatest drawback we have just now is a well-to-do member who has recently come to us from the East, who looks upon money given for benevolence as robbing the church, or about the same. He, of course, gives but little for Home or Foreign work, and is stubborn in opposing others, especially in doing anything away from home. I wish you would say to the Eastern churches, in the behalf of an afflicted church, not to send any more such, commending them as good members of Baptist churches, unless they are willing to contribute more largely for our support. We are so poor already we cannot afford to have such help. The grasshoppers are bad enough."

### Think of this, Pastors.

REV. J. N. WEBB, our District Secretary for Nebraska and Dakota, in a recent letter, uses the following language in speaking of the missionaries on his field:

"If our pastors in the city could see their homes and know their privations, as I do, they would gladly give out of their salaries, for the support of these brethren, more than all our associations. They cannot, as brethren in Christ, do less."

### The Grasshoppers a Burden.

"DEAR BRO.:—All of this region is feeling the financial pressure so painfully that it will affect materially ministerial support for a while. Drought and grasshoppers have been a burden to us in this new land. The people are *hard up*. But this is destined to be a rich and populous State, and it is a sad picture presented to my mind of churches languishing and perhaps dying through want of financial aid during these times of stringency. Would that our wealthy brethren would see the need of money in extending the influence of Christianity. It is not the need of ministers; it is the need of support for ministers. How many Baptist ministers have been compelled to give up Kansas for want of support! Work once done has to be done over again.

"JOHN B. DOWDER, *Miss'y.*

"SALINA, KANSAS."

### An Appeal From Dakota.

To the Board of the Am. Baptist Home Mission Society:

"DEAR BRETHREN:—At the late meeting of our Association held with the Baptist Church at Canton, Dakota Territory, on the 16th and 17th of September, the following brethren, viz: J. P. Coffman, of Elk Point, V. B. Conklin, of Canton, and J. J. McIntire, of Finlay, were appointed a committee to address you in behalf of the Baptists of Dakota. The wants of this field, the stern necessity of the case, demands that we appeal to you for help. Not that we would rob other churches to do us, nor that we would ease ourselves by laying burdens on the shoulders of others. But the absolute necessity, a necessity increased by the ravages of the grasshoppers sweeping away the fruits of anxious toil and labor and reducing many of those who would freely give to the support of the Gospel, to abject poverty. We make our appeal in behalf of Baptist churches composed of dear brethren in the circumstances we have just stated.

"Unless help be secured from some quarter, the cause must suffer, the ministry leave the field, and, in many places, organization become extinct. Our field is important; it will not do to forsake it. Not only important as a whole, but as individual churches. These churches are the result of many days and months of anxious toil. And they have an existence to-day, because the Home Mission Society with her funds and her influence planted them here. Not one of these churches can be left now, without serious loss to the cause of Christ, and especially to the great Baptist family. These churches are located in the rapidly growing towns of the Territory. Five of the fourteen are located in country towns; one of the five at the capital of the Territory. The remaining nine are located in the midst of rapidly growing communities and in the young towns springing up in this new and beautiful country. Some of these churches expected to become self-supporting this year, and gladly would they have welcomed the day, but the destroyer came, and in a few short hours the promising harvest was swept away. What are we to do in a country like this, where all are poor? How is the cause of Christ to be built up, and the many needy souls brought under the influence of the Gospel? Again, other denominations are throwing their men and means into this field, and are rapidly pushing forward their interest, organizing and building churches. There is a like work for the Baptists to do. But who will do it? With no missionaries in the field, and help withdrawn from their churches—again we ask, Who is to do this work? We renew our appeal and again, as a last resort, we ask the American Baptist Home Mission Society for help for the needy churches of Dakota.

"Signed in behalf of the committee,

"J. P. COFFMAN.

"ELK POINT, DAKOTA TERRITORY."

"He that giveth unto the poor, shall not lack."



## STANDING EDITORIAL RESOLUTIONS.

**Resolved.**—That there is no argument, either in Scripture or reason, for gathering children into classes and teaching them God's Word, which does not apply with equal force to adults.

**Resolved.**—That every class ought to be taught the Christian duty of benevolence in the giving of money, and that the gatherings of missionary offerings from these classes, from Sabbath to Sabbath, including gifts for the American Baptist Home Mission Society, ought to be the order of the day all over the land. Text, Prov. iii. 9, 10.

## Afraid!!

Some people seem to be afraid to make their wills. They OUGHT to be afraid NOT to do it. That God will require us to give account of our stewardship as it relates to Property, there can be no doubt. The Bible is plain and positive on this subject.

## He is Able.

God is able of these stones to raise up seed to Abraham.

Able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him.

What he has promised he is able to perform.

Able to make all races abound toward you, that you having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, who is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified.

Able to keep that which I have committed unto him.

Able to keep you from falling, and present you faultless before the presence of his glory, with exceeding joy.

Able to succor them that are tempted.

Able to keep all whom the Father hath given him, so that he will not lose one.

Able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

Believe ye that he is able to do this?

## The Laborers, Few.

"DEAR BRO.:—We are greatly in need of another good minister in this part of the Territory. From this time until April the people will be at leisure, and the nights being long I could preach every night in the week to a good congregation and not preach twice to the same congregation. It is very hard to meet brethren from various parts of the country who have no church privileges. They all insist on my coming to their neighborhood to preach; but it is impossible for me to even visit all during the year, and I shall confine my labors to a few points and strive to build up a few churches, and leave the balance of the field totally unoccupied.

"J. B. FORTER, *Missionary.*

"BOISE CITY, IDAHO."

## Shaw Collegiate Institute.

DR. T. H. PRITCHARD thus speaks of Rev. Dr. Stone, in the *Biblical Recorder*:

This eminent divine occupied the pulpit in the Raleigh Baptist Church last Sunday night, and preached a sermon on "Christian Obligation," which elicited the hearty admiration of all who heard it. It was indeed a sermon of unusual excellence, and we hope, as the Doctor is located in Raleigh till the close of the year, our community will have the pleasure of hearing him often. Dr. Stone, for the last year or two, has been holding "Theological Institutes" in the South for the benefit of colored Baptist preachers.

There is no work of graver importance before the Christians of America than the preparation of suitable teachers and preachers for the colored people; and we congratulate the "Home Mission Society" of the North that it is able to command for this work men of such distinguished abilities as Dr. Stone. From what we know of this wise and good man we feel assured that he will be honored by the Southern people wherever he may go.

Doctor Stone writes thus of the Institute:

The Home Mission Board have changed my work from itinerating among the colored preachers of the whole South to Shaw Collegiate Institute, at Raleigh, N. C., to teach the theological class. My correspondents will please direct to me here during term time, until June. We have great encouragement in our work here. We have opened the doors of the Institution to females, and a finer one cannot be found in the South. Indeed, it is probably the first building ever erected in the South for females of the colored race. It has beautiful rooms for ninety pupils. The whole structure is a model of neatness and taste. The male department, of equal capacity, is a fit mate to it.

## Wayland Seminary.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 21st, 1874.

DEAR ADVOCATE:—In the joy of a rich harvest we can forget the long days of hard work which helped to secure it. The summer vacation is the harvest time with our students; they scatter themselves to undertake mission work, and then at the opening of the term return to report their victories. I have never been more cheered in this mission work than in listening to our students as they have told of their work as teachers and preachers. They do not go out as well-paid laborers—a number have hardly met their expenses during their vacation. I have never seen more devotion—more real Christian enthusiasm and more patient consecration to mission work. Our students report more than four hundred conversions; churches have been planted and Sunday schools organized. For three years a student has been to the same field; before he has been sowing and cultivating, this year he has been gathering the harvest. One hundred and thirty converts call him God's instrument in leading them to Christ. I wish I had five hundred men to send out at once to push on the mission work which waits at our hands. As I look over our seventy students, and think of what they are doing for Christ, and of what they will do in the future, I forget the hard work of these years. In the hope of still more abundant harvests, I want to find an inspiration for the toils and trials of these passing weeks. It is all up-hill, and I cannot avoid the weariness. Such ignorance—such poverty—such confused thought

out of which must come the intelligent thinking. There is but one solution to the problem—Christian education will not save this people, nothing can. Our hope is in pushing forward.

Do you ask about the new building? Do not fancy by my cheerfulness that it is finished. You are mistaken. When the day came for me to open the school, I said we were a sort of "curb-stone" seminary, we were almost on a street. After a week I rented places where about half our present number of students could be quite comfortable. Think how these poor fellows are packed in! But it was all I could do, and I thought it better than to give up the school even for a term. The building is nearly plastered. We have no money to finish the rooms—we cannot have a debt. Oh! for help to put us into the building! We might be moved in about six weeks if we only had the means. Don't ask if we have not been idling! We have put more than \$5,000 into the building since the spring time. In these hard times this amount has cost some pretty hard begging. I do not see how we can go through the winter as we are. Shall I send any of our students away? Can the work be hindered because we lack the few hundreds of dollars? I know how much work presses you—I thank you all for your readiness. Give our work a place still in your prayers, and when you can, reach out the helping hand. It is a joy to me to remember that the most generous friend the new building has yet had is our honored ex-Gov. of my own State. It is better to build slowly than not build at all, so with faith and patience we want to work on, building as we may. May the above pass as Wayland Seminary's greeting to all who love her prosperity, and pray for her usefulness.

G. M. P. K.

NOTE.—The above, taken from *Zion's Advocate*, shows the embarrassment Mr. Klag and his assistant teacher are laboring under, in carrying forward the School in Washington. No money can be used in the erection of this building unless it is specially designated for that purpose. WHO WILL HELP FINISH THE BUILDING?

## Scandinavians in Western Iowa.

"DEAR BROTHER:—Enclosed please find my report for the first quarter. All our meetings have been well attended in the different places, and there seems to be a spirit of inquiry in them all. We have not had any revivals, but there continues to come a few every quarter to be baptized. Last time we baptized three, and two more have requested to be received into the church. Some of those who have heard the Word of God in our meetings for a time, go to other places, and now and then we hear from them, and see that they have not heard the Word in vain. There is much work to be done among the Scandinavians, and I love the work, and though there is much to hinder me (especially the want of pecuniary means), I am still glad that the Society was so liberal as to send me, so that I hope that I can continue. I feel very thankful for your aid.

"P. H. DAN, *Missionary.*

"AVOCA, IOWA."

## The Plague of Grasshoppers.

STORY OF AN EYE-WITNESS—SUNNING UP THE DAMAGE.

FROM time to time brief reference has been made to the plague of grasshoppers with which the West has been afflicted, but the full story has never been told. The extent and fearfulness of the visitation yet remains to be pictured. The best description of the invasion of these winged foes is from the pen of a clergyman, resident at Lawrence, Kansas, who writes as follows: "Living in the midst of the grasshopper region, I have taken some pains to collect facts in regard to them. Their invasions and ravages are as wonderful as anything connected with this 'wonderful West.' The 'grasshopper region' extends from the Indian Territory on the South, to Minnesota on the North, and from the arid plains of the Rocky Mountains on the West, whence they originate, to the Mississippi on the East. It is not often, however, that they reach the latter boundaries, as frost generally overtakes them on the way. This year, however, they are earlier than usual, and they reach the rivers before frost comes. So their ravages this year will extend, with an occasional break and omission, over a region nearly one thousand miles square.

Their number is simply appalling. The national debt and the wonders of geometrical progression are completely left in the shade. Take your little pencil while I give you the materials of a problem. An army of them is passing over my house as I am writing, going Eastward. Looking up, the air is filled with them as high as you can see. The lower strata look like snow flakes in the air. Higher up they look like silver dust sprinkled on the sky. This immense multitude has been moving rapidly all day. On Saturday, two days ago, another army, equally vast, passed over the city Southward, and were seven hours going over. Now, remember that the army extends, with a few breaks in the line, nearly one thousand miles, and while your pencil and figures may fail, you can form some conception of the reality.

Their destructiveness is as wonderful as their numbers. When they light, they come down like a snow-storm, covering the ground. As soon as they strike they begin to eat, and they keep eating till food grows scarce, and then they move on. In some places their destructiveness is more complete than in others, as their stay varies from three days to three weeks. They have excellent appetites and a wide range of diet. Onions, tobacco, peppers, cabbages, and other strong and pungent articles are their favorites; but they can accommodate themselves to circumstances, and when these luxuries fail, thrive very well on such substantials as corn or grass, or leaves of fruit or forest trees; and even as a last resort they devour the twigs and bark of the trees and the stalks of the corn, as the hard-tack of the campaign. The rapacity of their work is almost incredible. The great corn-fields of these prairies seem to melt before them almost while you are looking at them; orchards and forests exhibit the baldness of winter, and the whole country looks as though a fire had passed over it. A farmer told me he had one hundred acres of corn in one field so rank you could not see through it. The grasshoppers struck it about noon, and in a few hours only bare stalks were standing. "It just melted away before my eyes," he said. And what they have done for him, they have done for all. The bottom lands of the Kaw (Kansas) River, which for one hundred miles West of here are almost one unbroken corn-field, show nothing but bare stalks.

I drove several miles through fields on the Kaw bottom while the grasshoppers were working. The sound of their eating was as if a drove of cattle were in the field. In my own yard you could hear them distinctly eating among the trees. At any hour of the night you could go to the door and hear the work going on. It took but a few days to strip the trees of their leaves; the yards of their grass; the gardens of their plants, and the fields of their harvests. When food becomes scarce,

they all rise together, as if by word of command, and pass on "to greener fields," if not to "milder skies." It is the best appointed army ever known. They move and camp and work in concert, as if directed by some common voice. They forage on the country as they move. If one of them gets hurt or killed his companions at once eat him up. So they need neither baggage-wagon nor stores, ambulance nor surgeon.

The insect itself differs from the common grasshopper. In addition to its jump-apparatus, it is furnished with four white wings, which do not simply help it to hop, but on which it flies indefinite distances—miles—perhaps hundreds of miles. It is no doubt nearly identical with the locust of Scripture. The second chapter of Joel contains a very fine poetical description of an invasion of locusts. It might be all literally applied to these Western plains to-day. They come like "a strong people in battle array"—with a noise like "chariots on the top of the mountains—or fire that devoureth the stubble." "They march every one in his own way, and do not break their ranks." "They run upon the wall, climb upon the houses, and enter in at the windows." Before them the people are "pained, and all faces gather blackness." "The land is a garden of Eden before them, behind them a desolate wilderness." Man is helpless before them as before the elements of God. There is no resisting, or destroying, or turning them. They come like fire or flood, sweeping all before them. There seems to be no limit to their numbers or destructiveness. No matter how rich a country may be, they can lay it waste while we are looking at them.

The grasshopper is bound to play an important part in our history. He is already an element in our politics, and parties may yet ride into power on his back. They are certainly a mighty people, and whatever we may think of them, we have ceased to despise them. We have learned to fear them, and almost to stand in awe of them. We fear them for their power, and we stand in awe at the evident intelligence that underlies and guides their movements.

NOTE.—The above is taken from The Commercial Advertiser of this City.

## Form of a Bequest for Church Edifice Fund.

"I give and devise to the American Baptist Home Mission Society — dollars for the Church Edifice Fund of said Society."

## A Grateful Church.

"DEAR BROTHER:—I herewith enclose my first quarterly report. During said quarter we held a meeting of two weeks in our field, Greensboro', which resulted in great good to the church. The church is in splendid working condition, laboring to keep up two weekly prayer-meetings, besides visiting many private families and holding little meetings with them. It greatly revived our Sabbath-School, increasing it about double in one month. Of course as cold weather commences there will be, from removals, etc., a falling off, and yet we hope to increase from others. During last week three of our Sabbath pupils embraced religion, and others are concerned. On last Sabbath we made what I believe will be a successful effort to pay off our church debt, which we will report in next quarterly report. We also took weekly collection for your Society on last Sabbath (to be reported in second quarter) amounting to \$3.45, for which I enclose receipt. We are praying for you, and will continue to make collections for you. We are laboring

to get to Greensboro' and give them all our time next year. If we succeed, it will be a great benefit to the cause to be there. We are very grateful to your Society for the aid it is giving, and hope it will not be in vain. Pray for us. May the Master bless and prosper you and your Society in your great work.

"J. B. RICHARDSON, *Mrs.*

"HIGH POINT, N. C."

## An Important Mission Field.

"DEAR BROTHER:—Herewith please find my fourth quarterly report. This quarter ends the year and closes my labors as a missionary of your Society, though I expect to continue to work as a pioneer in the cause of the Great Master. I still preach at Swan Lake, the county seat of Turner county, and Finlay, ten miles west of Swan Lake, where I reside. I have received the nomination for Territorial Superintendent of Public Instruction. In view of the prospect of election and the exhausted treasury, I have concluded to ask no further aid from the Society at present. If defeated I know not what I shall do. The grasshoppers visited us and destroyed most of our crops in the Vermillion and Sioux Valleys. Your missionaries can expect but little support from the churches this year, and unless aid can be given by the Society, I fear that some important fields will have to be abandoned. Dell Rapids, Elk Point, Vermillion, Yankton, Swan Lake, Canton, and Lodi are among the important points where beginnings have been made and where the seed sown has already produced good fruit. I shall continue to labor with the church at Finlay without foreign aid, because I had rather earn support for my family by day labor, if need be, than to ask for help from you under the present embarrassed condition of your treasury. But I pray you do not let such men as Hill, Coffman, Conklin, and Judson leave this frontier work for want of a little help from the Society, if in your power to grant it. These men and others are doing a good work for Christ, but the great destroyer of the West has cut off almost all means of support from the churches. And now shall we look in vain to the Home Mission Society in our time of greatest need?"

"J. J. MCINTIRE, *Mrs.*

"FINLAY, DAKOTA TERR."

## Chinese Mission in California.

In his report for the year, Bro. Francis, after referring to the origin and history of this movement, gives the following encouraging statement:

We now have 125 Mission pupils and 12 teachers. We have baptized eight Chinese young men. Dong Gong was the first convert. He returned to China, where he was bitterly persecuted by his heathen father for preaching Jesus to his relatives and others, escaping only with his life to the protection of our Missionaries in Canton. He there pursued his studies for the Gospel ministry two years, through the aid of the First Baptist Church, San Francisco. He has recently returned to labor on this coast.



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Key, another convert, is preaching to the pupils on week evenings, and to Sabbath-schools, and in the open-air services each Sabbath. Young Ah Gin, Ah Lee, Charley Ling, and Duck Ball continue in endeavors to bring their countrymen to Christ. Fung Chack, a devoted young brother and earnest preacher, has united with us, bringing his letter from the First Baptist Church, Canton China, making nine communicants who are members of Baptist churches in San Francisco and Oakland.

The Baptist Chinese Sunday-schools under the care of this Mission number three hundred pupils and seventy-five teachers. Our young Chinese brethren are very useful in visiting the schools and preaching the Gospel to the pupils. We visit, also, the places where the Chinese are employed, and have distributed gratuitously during the past year 5,000 religious tracts, and 100 copies of the New Testament in the Chinese language. We have held 336 public meetings during the year, for preaching the Gospel, and otherwise instructing the Chinese. We have visited and distributed Chinese tracts and copies of the Scriptures in Sacramento, San Jose, Gilroy, Watsonville, and Santa Cruz, where the Chinese could be gathered into schools to be instructed, and have the Gospel preached to them in their own language.

We have been encouraged by the arrival of Rev. E. Z. Simmons, of Canton, China, who has been appointed also to this field by the Home Mission Society. His knowledge of the language will make him of great value to the Mission. This is a difficult work, and we have felt the need of more help. But without the help of God we can do nothing. On Him we rely. Through Him we expect great things in the future. We commend the work to the churches, hoping that they will continue to cherish a prayerful interest in the salvation of these strangers within our gates.

NOTE.—The above is taken from the Annual Report of the California Baptist State Convention, just received at these rooms. Rev. John Francis was the Superintendent of the Mission. He however resigned in August, and Rev. E. Z. Simmons was appointed to fill the vacancy.

### Looking for a Blessing.

"DEAR BRO.:—The past year has been one of great and severe trials. Dark clouds have been hanging over and around. But the Lord has sustained us. We have kept more than our ground, and have thereby achieved a victory. It has been to us almost a barren one, but its end promises much good. We have been tried, and are thus better prepared for the work in this very important field. It looks as if a little cloud like a man's hand was rising, and we hope and pray that the Lord may bless us and make us a blessing. The mission is as well established as any of the kind, and will prove successful.

"G. KOOPMAN, *Miss'y.*

"INDIANAPOLIS, IND."

"THERE is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches."

### The Cause Hopeful.

"DEAR BRO.:—I have nothing of special interest to add, yet our cause here looks very hopeful. We have never looked more hopefully into the future than now. We feel we had never better reason to do so than now. Our meetings are well attended and a goodly number are inquiring about the way of salvation. We expect that several will soon follow Christ in baptism, having been regenerated by Him. The work here has thus far not been confined to this city, but has had an influence on the whole State. There are constantly some moving from this city to the interior of the State; they there hold meetings, and thus the good work spreads.

"C. YUNG, *Miss'y.*

"DETROIT, MICH."

### DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

FOR NEW ENGLAND.—Rev. A. P. Mason, D. D., Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.  
NEW YORK.—Rev. S. B. Gregory, Little Falls, N. Y.  
NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA, MARYLAND, AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Rev. Thomas Swain, D. D., 100 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.  
OHIO AND WEST VIRGINIA.—Rev. S. B. Page, D. D., Cleveland, Ohio.  
MICHIGAN AND INDIANA.—Rev. A. E. Mathew, Detroit, Michigan.  
NEBRASKA AND DAKOTA TERRITORY.—Rev. J. N. Webb, Ashland, Neb.  
KANSAS AND MISSOURI.—Rev. Eliza Ginn, Lawrence, Kan.  
General Missionaries.  
COLORADO.—Rev. James French, Denver, Col.  
EASTERN GERMAN CONFERENCE.—Rev. E. J. Beckman, 480 Hickory Street, Buffalo, N. Y.  
WESTERN GERMAN CONFERENCE.—Rev. J. C. Haebehn, 399 North Paulina Street, Chicago, Ill.

### HOME MISSION RECEIPTS.

FOR OCTOBER, 1874.

WESTERN GERMAN CONFERENCE, \$540; ditto per Woodbine, Kan. Ger. Ch. 50.  
NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Lebanon Ch. 15.10. Claremont Ch. 10.—  
Frederick's Fund.—Plainfield Ch. 1. Antrim, Two Friends, 100.00.  
VERMONT.—Johnson Ch. 10.10.  
Frederick's Fund.—South Londonderry Ch. 30.75. Essex S. Sch. of First Ch. 15.—45.75.  
MASSACHUSETTS.—Newton Centre Ch. 47.95. Grafton Ch. 40. Beverly, Julia A. Rogers 1.—36.95.  
Frederick's Fund.—Winchendon, Isaac J. Dunn S. Newton Centre Ch. 47.95. Shelburne Falls S. Sch. 30.75. Brookline S. Sch. 50. West Newton Ch. 30.50.—154.21.  
NEW YORK.—Brooklyn, Strong Pl. Ch. 190.75. Sixth Ave. Ch. 20.90. Adams Centre, A. Sheldon 25.—Bresport Ch. 17. Kingsbury Ch. 10. Catskill Ch. 90. Nyack Ch. 4. Tarrytown Indians, per Rev. T. Green 1. Millport Ch. 17.50. Marine's Harbor Ch. 10. Belmont Ch. 5.50. Rochester, S. Sch. of 1st Ch. 100. Bannockburn Ch. 1.85. Harmony Assoc. 141.41. Mayville, Rev. J. H. Miller 20. Monroe Assoc. 50. Seneca Assoc. 100. Albion 1st Ch. 54.21. Corning, 1st Ch. 20. Strykerville, Leg. of H. B. Rounds in addition, C. Barber, Ex. 10. Scotia, per Rev. J. R. Morrison 15. Wilson, Curtis Pettit 100. Cheongung Assoc. 7.51. Yates Assoc. 8. Cayuga Assoc. 47.85. Little Falls Ch. 38.50. Utica, Blocker 31. N. Sch. 5.50. Deveraux, Mrs. N. H. Crossman S. Wayne Assoc. 114. Cheongung River Assoc. 73.75.—1,069.51.  
Frederick's Fund.—Brooklyn, Rev. James H. Simmons, D. D. 20. Norwich Ch. 41. Bannockburn Assoc. 5.—60.50.  
Church Bibles Fund.—New York City, Mrs. Horace Winant 50.00.  
Eastern German Conference.—Synapse, Germans 10. Buffalo, 1st German Ch. 5.—12.00.  
NEW JERSEY.—Middleton, 1st Ch. 31. Cedarville Ch. bal. 72.75. Cape May, 3d Ch. bal. 6. Orange, Mrs. Horace Winant 6. Fort Monmouth, Rev. W. V. Wilson 100.—Total, \$118.75.  
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